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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG HAS WELCOMED OUTCOME OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE SINGLING FRANCE OUT FOR SPECIAL PRAISE. OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REGISTERING DISCOMFORT OVER GULDBERG'S READINESS TO SEE FRENCH POINT OF VIEW. ANONYMOUS ARTICLE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAGAZINE ABOUT US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS HAS STIRRED INTEREST IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER OVE GULDBERG IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING AT CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE:
QUOTE: WHEN ONE GOES THROUGH THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE POINT FOR POINT, AND EVEN IF FRANCE HAS RESERVED ON CERTAIN POINTS, ONE MUST STATE THAT IN SPITE OF AN UNHAPPY START, BROAD UNITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON COMMON ACTION AS A BASIS FOR A FUTURE ENERGY POLICY.

THE USA HAS GOT A WORKING BASIS OUT OF THE CONFERENCE. FROM A EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW THE CONFERENCE WAS NOT WELL PREPARED, AND THERE WAS SOMETHING AGGRESSIVE IN ITS INTRODUCTION. THE FRENCH STANDPOINT HAS HELPED TO REMEDY THAT. THE STAGE HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR A CONFRONTATION. END QUOTE.

2. GULDBERG'S BOW TO FRENCH MAY SIMPLY REPRESENT ATTEMPT TO SOOTHE RUFFLED FEATHERS IN PARIS, BUT IT TENDS TO REINFORCE EMBASSY'S OPINION ABOUT HIS SUSCEPTIBILITY TO FRENCH INFLUENCE (COPENHAGEN 331) HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL IN DANISH GOVT, NOT IN FONMIN, CONFIDED TO EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT HE WAS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT GULDBERG'S PRO-FRENCH BIAS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT PRIME MINISTER POUL HARTLING, WHO WAS FONMIN HIMSELF FROM 1968 TO 1971, SHARES THAT CONCERN. SOME DANISH OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HARTLING'S RECENT SUCCESS IN HAMMERING OUT PARLIAMENTARY COMPROMISE ON ECONOMIC POLICY WILL PROVIDE SOME RESPITE FROM DOMESTIC POLITICAL WORRIES, PERMITTING HIM TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE ON FOREIGN POLICY, AND THEREBY COUNTERBALANCE GULDBERG'S SUPPOSED FRANCOPHILE ATTITUDES.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY GREAT INTEREST GENERATED IN SENIOR GOVT CIRCLES HERE BY ARTICLE IN JANUARY ISSUE OF FON-AFFAIRS, ATTRIBUTED TO "Z", AN ANONYMOUS EUROPEAN. PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF ASKED ME LAST WEEK WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE AND MANY SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE EVIDENTLY READ IT. EMBOFFS IN DISCUSSING ARTICLE HAVE TAKEN GENERAL LINE THAT IT IS A WELL-WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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EUROPEAN'S VIEWPOINT AND HAVE WELCOMED ITS POSITIVE AND HELPFUL CONCLUSION. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT Z'S ANALYSIS SUFFERS FROM IMPORTANT GAPS. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH HE STRESSES EUROPEANS' VITAL INTEREST IN CONTINUED FLOW OF OIL FROM MIDDLE EAST, HE IGNORES THEIR EQUALLY VITAL INTEREST IN PREVENTING USSR FROM DOMINATING THAT AREA, WHICH COULD STOP THE FLOW AS EFFECTIVELY AS ARAB GOVTS CAN.

4. IF "Z" ARTICLE HAS HAD SIMILAR RESONANCE IN OTHER ALLIED CAPITALS,
DEPT MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT EMBASSIES TO PRESENT COUNTERVAILING
ARGUMENTS TO OPINION LEADERS ON SYSTEMATIC BASIS.
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